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## FILED GIFTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS POSTED ON HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION'S WEBSITE

Over 100 state officials and employees recently filed gifts disclosure statements with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. The gifts disclosure statements cover gifts received during the period from June 1, 2003, to the end of May, 2004. The disclosure statements are public records and have been posted on the Commission's web site.

The State Ethics Code requires state legislators, employees, and board and commission members to file gifts disclosure statements with the Commission if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The individual, or the individual's spouse or dependent child, received from one source (a) any gift greater than \$200, or (b) gifts whose combined value is greater than \$200; and
- 2. The source of the gift or gifts has interests that may be affected by official action by the individual; <u>and</u>
- 3. The gift is not exempted by the ethics code from the reporting requirements.

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